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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Katherine E. Hayes et al.

FOR : **CONFIGURABLE BILLING SYSTEM  
SUPPORTING MULTIPLE PRINTER  
PRODUCTS AND BILLING STRATEGIES**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicants submit the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicants are aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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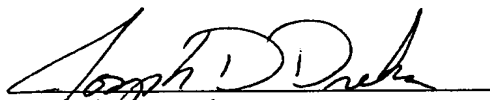
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